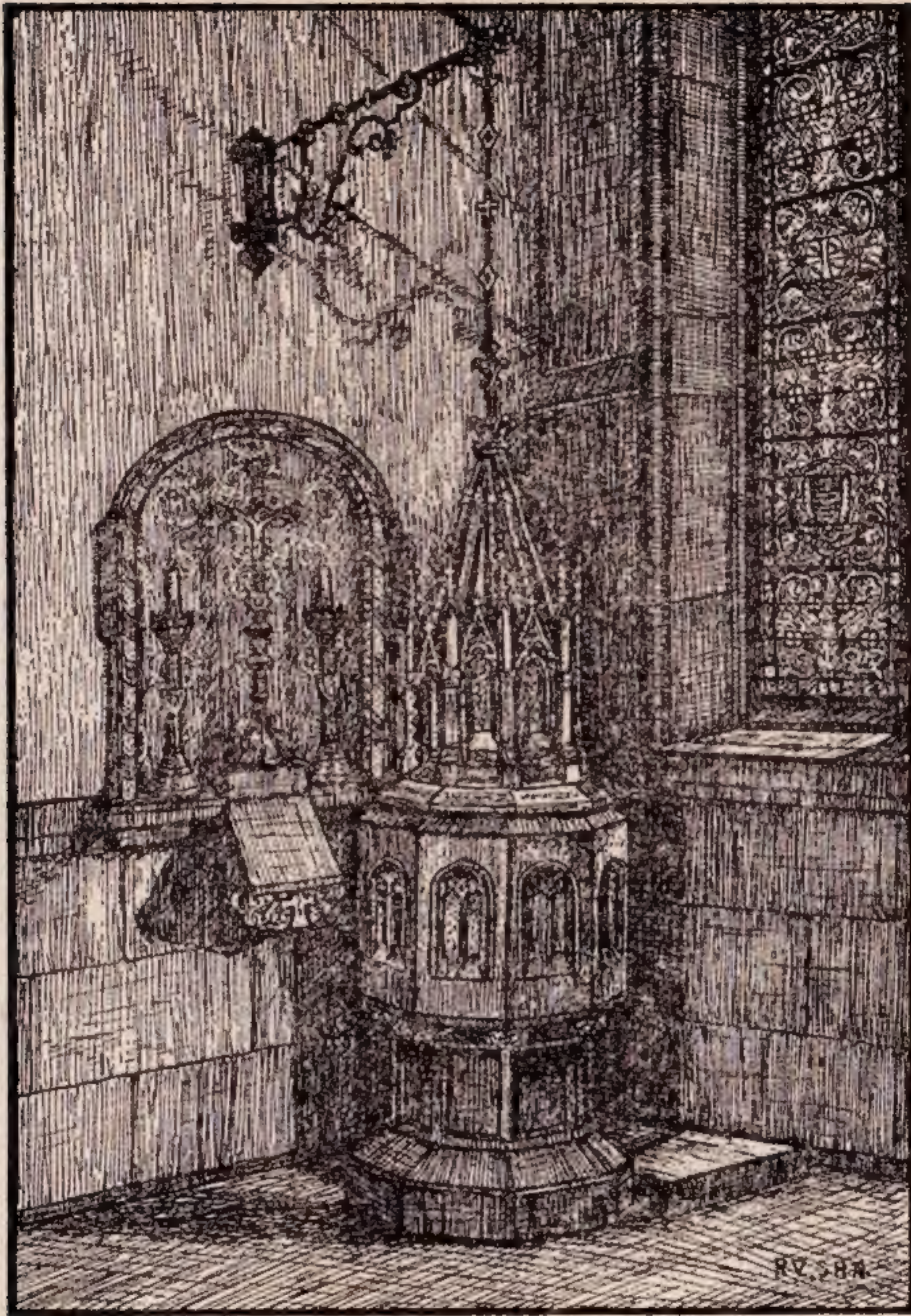


Baptism



S. Clement's Church
Philadelphia

THE SACRAMENT
of
HOLY BAPTISM

**ACCORDING TO THE RITE IN THE
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

**SUPPLEMENTED WITH SOME
ANCIENT CATHOLIC CEREMONIES**

THE PRIEST, STANDING BY THE FONT, BEGINS:

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to this Child that which by nature *he* cannot have; that *he* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a living member of the same.

Let us pray:

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for this Child that *he* coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now to us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that this Child may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Priest then takes a few grains of hallowed salt between his right thumb and index finger, and placing the salt in the mouth of the Child, says,

Receive the salt of wisdom: may it be unto thee a pledge of everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Priest continues:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Hear (X) the words (X) of the Gospel (X) written by S. Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

R. Thanks be to God.

Then shall the Priest say:.

And now, being persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward this Child, declared by his Son, Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

Priest and People:

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks, That thou hast vouchsafed to call us To the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, And confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to this Child, That *he* may be born again, And be made an heir of everlasting salvation; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, Now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest now addresses the Godparents:

Dearly beloved, ye have brought this Child here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from sin, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

Dost thou, therefore, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be lead by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be lead by them.

If the water has already been blessed, the Priest now changes his stole (and cope) from violet to white, and continues:

Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Wilt thou be baptized in that faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Having now, in the name of this Child, made these promises, wilt thou also on thy part take heed that this Child learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Wilt thou take heed that this Child, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be Confirmed by him?

Answer. I will, God being my helper.

Then shall the Priest say:

O Merciful God, grant that like as Christ died and rose again, so this Child may die to sin and rise to newness of life. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

If the water is to be blessed, the Priest says:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord Holy, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go

teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that this Child, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

NAME THIS CHILD.

..... I baptize thee: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

We receive this Child into the congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign (X) *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

The Priest then anoints the newly Baptized upon the crown of the head with the Holy Chrism, saying:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath regenerated thee by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hath given unto thee remission of all thy sins, vouchsafe to anoint thee with the Unction of his Holy Spirit, and bring thee to the inheritance of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Here the Priest puts upon the Child the White Vesture commonly called the Chryson, saying:

We give this White Vesture, for a token of the innocency bestowed upon thee, and for a sign whereby thou art admonished to give thyself to pureness of living, that after this transitory life thou mayest be partaker of the life everlasting. *Amen.*

And now handing a Lighted Candle to a God-parent, the Priest says:

Receive the Light of Christ, that when the bridegroom cometh thou mayest go forth with all the Saints to meet him; and see that thou keep the grace of thy Baptism. *Amen.*

The Priest continues:

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that this Child is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God, for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that this Child may lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning.

Priest and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. This kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Priest concludes with:

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate this Child with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for

thine own Child, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, may live unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may also hereafter be partaker of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be an inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, (X), and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

